



Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) represents the state's paramedics and emergency medical technicians who ensure that our residents and visitors are provided the highest level of emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are a vital public service and the members of Hawai'i's emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out-of-hospital medical care providers; and

WHEREAS, members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in countless hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services has grown to fill a gap by providing important out-of-hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's Emergency Medical Services Week is "Beyond the Call" and recognizes that the State Department of Health, Honolulu Emergency Medical Services, hospitals and other healthcare providers are at their best when they work together;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 19–25, 2019 as

“EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in thanking the men and women who dedicate their lives to provide lifesaving emergency medical services to the residents and visitors of the State of Hawai'i.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourteenth day of May 2019.

JOSHUA B. GREEN
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i